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IN COUP ATTEMPT

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM OFFICIAL RECORD OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE OCT 9, JUST AVAILABLE, DEALING WITH EXCHANGE BETWEEN MP S.R. FILLIE-FABOE AND VICE PRESIDENT/PRIMIN S.I. KOROMA. QTE FILLIE-FABOE: THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE WHO ...HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES IN THE PAY OF CERTAIN FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS TO CAUSE TROUBLE IN THIS COUNTRY.... I READ A BOOK ENTITLED "MY WAR WITH THE CIA" BY A VERY PROMINENT ASIAN POLITICIAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS AN ORGANIZATION FROM AMERICA. I WOULD ONLY SAY THAT WE OUGHT TO TAKE NOTE OF THAT BOOK. IT IS ALWAYS TRYING TO OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS...

VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER: MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO HON MEMBER TO ALLOW ME, UNDER STANDING ORDER 26, TO GIVE A BIT OF EXPLANATION. I WOULD LIKE HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT

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THE USA IS A VERY FRIENDLY COUNTRY AND WE IN SIERRA LEONE

HOLD NOTHING AGAINST THEM. IF WE HAVE OUR OWN INTERNAL TROUBLES, WE HAVE OURSELVES AND NO OTHER PERSON TO BLAME. FILLIE-FABOE: MR. SPEAKER, I CONCEDE, I WAS MERELY MAKING A QUOTATION. I DID NOT SAY THAT I BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE INVOLVED IN THE COUP HERE. AMERICA IS A VERY FRIENDLY NATION TO THIS GOVERNMENT. UNQTE

2. COMMENT: KOROMA'S INTERJECTION IS REFRESHINGLY FORTHRIGHT ASSERTION THAT TROUBLES OF INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN BE OF THEIR OWN ORIGIN. FOR KOROMA THIS IS RELATIVELY NEW AND MAY REFLECT GROWING MATURATION OF A LEAD WHO UNTIL EVEN QUITE RECENTLY HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A HOTHEAD.

3. CONAKRY MAY BE INTERESTED THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAPER WE YONE REPORTED OCT 13 THAT FILLIE-FABOE SAID BY "RELIABLE SOURCES" TO BE THE LIKELY CHOICE AS NEW SL AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA, REPLACING FLLOYD KOJO RANDALL WHO REPORTEDLY MOVING TO PEKING TO REPLACE RALPH TAYLOR-SMITH, RECENTLY NAMED AS NEW SL HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON. FILLIE-FABOE SHOULD BE RIGHT AT HOME IN CONAKRY.
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